GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Alignment of laying of 33-KV underground electrical cable, in the area of 17.78 Ha of forest land already diverted in the Velugodu RF of WLM Atmakur Division for supplementation of water to Siddapuram Tank from Velugodu Balancing Reservoir - Permission accorded - Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 19 **Dated: 09-02-2016**

Read the following:-

1. From GoI, MoEF&C.C, Lr. No.4-APC 164/2006-BAN/2155, Dt.17-3-2008
2. G.O.Ms. No. 33, EFS&T (Forest-I) Department, Dt.28-3-2008
3. From PCCF& HoFF, A.P. Hyd., Lr. Rc.No.29368/2011/F1, Dt.04-08-2012
4. State Govt. letter No. 5862/For.I(I)/2012, Dt. 12-4-2013.
5. From GoI, MoEF&C.C, WL Division, Lr F.No.6-54/2013, Dt.17-5-2013
6. From PCCF& HoFF, A.P. Hyd., Lr. Rc.No. 29368/2011/F1, dt. 16-7-2013.
7. State Govt. letter No. 5862/For.I(I)/2012, dated.13-11-2013
8. From GoI, MoEF&C.C, Chennai Lr F.No.4-APC164/20006-BAN/17, Dated. 23-6-2014.

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ORDER:

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in their letter 1st read above, have accorded their approval (Stage-II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 17.78 Ha of forest land in Veligodu RF of WL Atmakur Division for supplementation of water to Siddapuram Tank from VBR, in favour of Executive Engineer, TGP Division No.1, Veligodu Nandyal Circle, Kurnool. Accordingly, the State Government vide G.O.2nd read above, have issued orders for diversion of above said forest land.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in the references 3rd & 6th read above, has reported that the activity of laying Underground Electrical Cable was not mentioned by the User Agency at the time of submission of proposal for diversion of 17.78 Ha. of forest land in Veligodu R.F, and there is no additional forest area is required for the said activity. He has further reported that as per EIA Notification, 2006, the proposal for laying of 33-K.V Underground Electrical Cable does not requires Environment Clearance. Hence, obtaining clearance from National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) is not necessary as per Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, letter, Dated.19-8-2010.

3. The said proposal was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 7th read above.

4. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests, & Climate Change in their letter 8th read above, have accorded their approval for alignment of laying of 33-KV underground electrical cable, in the area of 17.78 Ha of forest land already diverted in the Velugodu RF of WLM Atmakur Division for supplementation of water to Siddapuram Tank from Velugodu Balancing Reservoir, subject to certain conditions as stipulated therein.

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5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, for alignment of laying of 33-KV underground electrical cable, in the area of 17.78 Ha of forest land already diverted in the Velugodu RF of WLM Atmakur Division for supplementation of water to Siddapuram Tank from Velugodu Balancing Reservoir, subject to the following conditions:-

(i) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

(ii) The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.

(iii) The 33 KV underground cable shall be laid in the already approved area only.

(iv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

(v) The User Agency shall ensure that because of this additional component no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area.

(vi) The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the concerned Regional Office of the MoEF&C.C, regularly; and

(vii) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

(viii) Any other condition that the Addl. PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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The Deputy Director, (Wild Life)
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (Wild Life Division)
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road , New Delhi -110 003- For information with reference to the letter No. 6-54/2013 WL, Dated. 9-4-2015.

The Executive Engineer, TGP Division No.1, Veligodu, Nandyal Circle, Kurnool District.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER